

City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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"Rich Heritage, Bright Future"

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Placentia Resident Joe Rasic Honored with Supervisor Doug Chaffee's Kindness Award

Orange County Fourth District Supervisor Doug Chaffee announced the 5th Annual Fourth District Kindness Awards honorees during a ceremony held on Monday, November 13th at the Elher's Event Center. Supervisor Chaffee recognizes Kindness Award honorees from each City in the Fourth District who have made significant contributions to their communities through kindness. The Kindness Awards ceremony is hosted annually on November 13th, which is internationally observed as World Kindness Day.

This year, Placentia's honoree was resident Joe Rasic. Joe Rasic is a third-generation restaurateur, and has been a big supporter of business and community development in Placentia. He served on the Board of Directors of the Placentia Chamber of Commerce and as President for two years.



As a business owner, he helped countless organizations by holding fundraisers and supporting his local Rotary Clubs. He continues to serve the City by participating on several committees within Placentia for business and community development.

[Here](#) is a link to a video of honoree Joe Rasic.



City Facilities Thanksgiving Closure

All City facilities will be closed on November 22nd and November 23rd. The Police Department and Fire and Life Safety Department will remain open. For non-life threatening emergencies, such as a fallen tree, street flooding, or Public Works issues, please call (714) 993-8111.

The City of Placentia wishes everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday!



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Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 11/21/23 Thanksgiving Food Distribution
- 11/22-11/23 Thanksgiving—City Facilities Closed
- 11/27/23 Spanish Fentanyl Awareness Presentation
- 11/28/23 Fentanyl Awareness Presentation
- 11/30/23 Tree Lighting Ceremony

For additional information or

questions about this

Weekly Briefing, please email:

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ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Shop Placentia on Small Business Saturday!

With the holidays upon us and Black Friday and Small Business Saturday coming up, the City of Placentia wants to encourage residents to consider shopping at local Placentia businesses. Small Business Saturday, taking place on November 25th, is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together and show our support for the heart and soul of Placentia—our local businesses. Our Placentia businesses are more than just places to shop; they are the essence of our community, run by friends, neighbors, and fellow residents. When you choose to shop small, you are not only finding unique treasures but also investing in the dreams of those who make Placentia a special place to live. This Small Business Saturday, the City asks everyone to consider making a conscious effort to explore the hidden gems in our own backyard. Whether it's a boutique store, a family-owned restaurant, or a local nail salon, each purchase makes a significant impact on our local economy and helps sustain the entrepreneurial spirit that makes Placentia prosper. Also please remember that every dollar spent at a local business is an investment in the prosperity of our community. By choosing to shop small, you are contributing to the growth of Placentia and ensuring that our City continues to be a place where small businesses and families thrive.



Fentanyl Awareness Information and Reduction (FAIR) Initiative

The City, the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District, the Placentia Police Department, and Lynch EMS are partnering together on a comprehensive Fentanyl Awareness Campaign. This partnership aims to educate parents/guardians and students about the dangers of fentanyl, encourage prevention, and enhance the safety and well-being of our community. Fentanyl, a synthetic opioid, is causing a rising epidemic across the United States, and Placentia is not immune to this crisis. This drug is responsible for a significant number of overdose deaths, and it is often found in illicit drugs, making it a particularly dangerous threat.

The Police Department recently completed presentations at Placentia high schools to educate students on the dangers of drug use and the fatal effects of fentanyl. As part two of this initiative, the Police Department will share a similar presentation for parents/guardians, staff, and community members. There will be three presentations—two in English and one in Spanish—on the following dates:

Spanish Fentanyl Awareness Presentation for Parents & Community Members*

Monday, November 27th at 6:30 p.m. at the Oberle Gymnasium at Melrose Elementary School, 974 S. Melrose Avenue. *This presentation will only be offered in Spanish.

Fentanyl Awareness Presentation for Parents & Community Members**

Tuesday, November 28th at 6:30 p.m. at the PYLUSD Performing Arts Center, 1651 Valencia Avenue. **This presentation will be offered via live stream on the district's YouTube Channel. Spanish translation will be provided at the event.

Fentanyl Awareness Presentation for Parents & Community Members***

Thursday, November 30th at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium at Valencia High School, 500 Bradford Avenue. ***Spanish translation will be provided at the event.

For those unable to attend, both the English and Spanish presentations will be recorded, and the presentation on November 28th will be live streamed on the [District's YouTube](#). We hope you will join us to learn more about the dangers of fentanyl and how to create a safer local community.



ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

OC Animal Care Immediate Need of Dog Fosters During Local State of Emergency

Due to the ongoing local state of emergency related to the north hangar at the former Marine Corps Air Station in Tustin, OC Animal Care is asking for immediate help from the community. The shelter is in need of foster homes for medium and large size dogs, for at least two weeks, in an effort to reduce the number of animals on campus.

Since the recent fire of the north hangar at the former Marine Corps Air Station in Tustin on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, OC Animal Care has taken every precaution, including modifying operations, to ensure the continued safety of the animals, staff, volunteers, and community visitors.

OC Animal Care currently has over 300 dogs. In an abundance of caution related to the ongoing incident however, the dogs have been moved to the indoor portion of their kennel and can no longer go out for walks or play outside.

OC Animal Care is asking the community to open their heart and home to a shelter dog for the next two weeks. OC Animal Care will provide each foster family with a starter kit containing food and basic supplies including a leash, collar, and tags for your temporary housemate.

Please contact OCACPrograms@occr.ocgov.com to become an emergency dog foster. All dogs are spay/neutered, microchipped, current on DHPP-Bordetella and Rabies vaccines, dewormed, and current on flea preventative.

The community can also help by donating Kong toys to keep the dogs occupied while indoors in their shelter kennel. The shelter accepts donations in person daily from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. or through their [Amazon Wishlist](#).

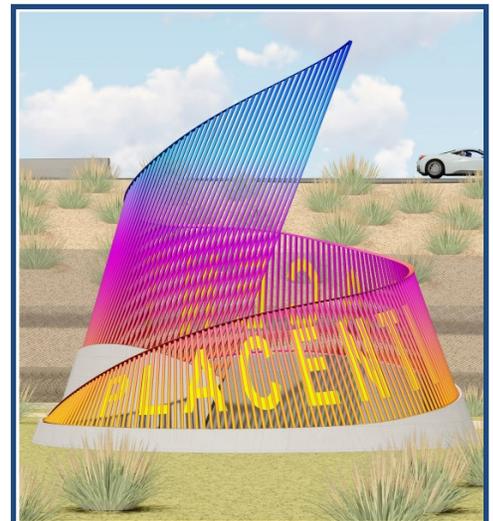


PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Orangethorpe/57 Freeway Monument Sculpture Update

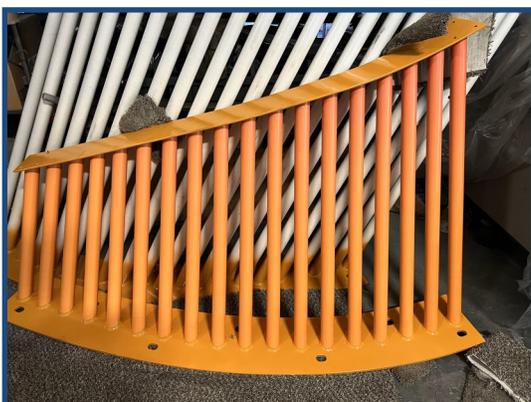
Work is now in progress on a monument sculpture to be installed at the southbound 57 freeway off-ramp at Orangethorpe Avenue as part of the Caltrans Clean California Initiative. This sculpture, by artist Cliff Garten, follows the completion of two new murals along Crowther Avenue beneath the 57 freeway underpass. Both projects are fully funded by Caltrans, with no matching requirement from the City.

The pedestal base of the sculpture is under construction as of this past week and the templates for the sculpture panels are in the process of being installed. The concrete is scheduled to be poured in about two weeks. The panels have



all been cut and welded together and they are now in the process of providing the color vinyl wrap. The sculpture and site work should be completed by mid-January.

Caltrans has also prepared landscape improvement plans for the entire interchange. Once completed, the new gateway monument and landscape improvements will create a dramatic entry point into the City at a key location.





DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Toll Brothers 'Vista Rose' Construction Update

Preliminary grading and landscaping work is underway at Vista Rose, a new master-planned gated residential community from Toll Brothers, the nation's largest luxury home builder. Located on a 17.02-acre site along Alta Vista Street, just east of N. Rose Drive, the Vista Rose development will consist of 100 single-family, detached homes, as well as private and public decorative landscaping, including a private park site exclusively accessible to future Vista Rose residents. Each home will feature four bedrooms and three bathrooms, and range between 1,859 square feet and 2,255 square feet in overall floor area, and contain an attached two-car garage. Grading work is expected to be completed by the end of December.



For updates on this project, contact Development Services at (714) 993-8124.

FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

10 Ways to Prevent Home Fires this Thanksgiving

While the Thanksgiving holiday is synonymous with delicious food and gatherings with family and friends, it's crucial to prioritize fire and life safety, especially in the heart of our homes – the kitchen. To ensure that your Thanksgiving is filled with joy and not unexpected emergencies, the Fire and Life Safety Department encourages you to be smart about how you cook by following these essential safety tips:

1. **Stand by your pan:** Always keep a close eye on your cooking. If you need to step away from the kitchen, be sure to turn off the burner to prevent potential hazards.
2. **Keep an eye on what you fry:** Frying food can lead to cooking fires. Stay vigilant and attentive when frying to avoid accidents.
3. **Roll up your sleeves:** Reduce the risk of accidents by rolling up your sleeves while cooking to minimize the chance of clothing catching fire.
4. **Supervise children and pets:** Ensure the safety of your loved ones by keeping children and pets away from the stove and cooking areas.
5. **Watch what you're cooking:** If you notice smoke or grease starting to boil, turn off the burner immediately to prevent a potential fire.
6. **If there's an oven fire, keep the door closed:** In the event of an oven fire, keep the door closed, turn off the oven, and wait until it cools before opening.
7. **Move flammable items away from the stove:** Keep items such as dishtowels, bags, boxes, paper, and curtains away from the stove to prevent accidental fires.
8. **Turn pot handles toward the back:** Position pot handles towards the back of the stove to avoid accidental bumps or pulls that could lead to spills.
9. **Use turkey fryers outdoors:** If you're planning to use a turkey fryer, do so outdoors on a sturdy surface, away from anything that could potentially catch fire.
10. **Check smoke alarms:** Ensure that your smoke alarms are in working order, especially those located near sleeping areas. Regularly test and replace batteries as needed.

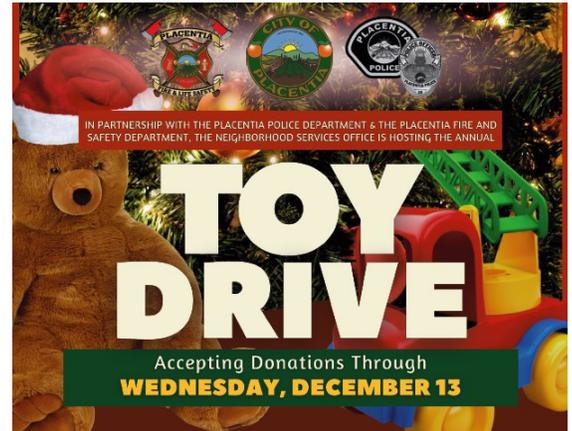
Taking these precautions will help create a safer environment for you, your family, and our community during this festive season. We wish you a Thanksgiving filled with warmth, joy, and most importantly, safety.



COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Holiday Toy Drive

The Community Services Department, Fire and Life Safety Department, Police Department, and the Placentia Library are hosting a Holiday Toy Drive. Donations of toys are being accepted now through December 13th. Gifts will be distributed to families in need in Placentia and surrounding communities. For those interested in donating, please drop off a new, unwrapped toy for children ages 0-18 at one of the locations listed on the flyer. To view the flyer, please [click here](#). For more information, contact the Neighborhood Services Office at (714) 986-2333.



Holiday Tree Lighting Event

On Thursday, November 30th, the City will host the annual Holiday Tree Lighting event at the Civic Center Plaza. The event will feature a **NEW** snow play area from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please wear warm clothing and gloves to participate. Additionally, the event will feature performances by the Musical Theatre University, the lighting of the Menorah by the Chabad Beth Meir Hacoheh, Holiday crafts, the lighting of the Holiday Tree, hot chocolate and coffee sponsored by Golden State Coffee Roasters, and tasty treats from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Photos with Santa Claus will be available from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please bring your own camera for photos.

The Holiday Tree will be lit every evening throughout the Holiday Season. For more information on City events, contact Community Services at (714) 993-8232.



Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Neighborhood Services Office will hold a Turkey Basket Drive on Tuesday, November 21st beginning at 2:00 p.m., while supplies last. Donations of Thanksgiving non-perishable food items are now being accepted. The donated baskets will be distributed to families in need in the City of Placentia at the annual Turkey Basket Distribution Event.

Donations of non-perishable food items can be dropped off at the Whitten Community Center located at 900 S. Melrose Street. Please do not bring perishable food items at this time.

For more information, please contact the Neighborhood Services Office at (714) 986-2333.





POLICE DEPARTMENT

Veterans Day Observance Event

The City of Placentia hosted the 35th Annual Veterans Day Observance Ceremony on Saturday, November 11th at 10:00 a.m. at the Placentia Civic Center. The City is grateful for the many sacrifices made by the men and women who have served our Country. In their honor, residents, veterans, and their families came out to celebrate this Veterans Day with us. The event included special guest speakers, patriotic music, and the new Military Banner Recognition Program recipients. In addition, the City honored the service members who were added to the veterans monument and their name inscriptions unveiled. To watch the entire event, [click here](#).



Thanksgiving Events

The Police Department wants to wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. As a reminder, the City will host a Thanksgiving food distribution at the Whitten Community Center, 900 S. Melrose Street on Tuesday, November 21st beginning at 2:00 p.m., while supplies last. For more information, please call the Neighborhood Services Office at (714) 986-2333. The organization We Give Thanks will also host a Thanksgiving Day event at the Honda Center from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information and to donate, please visit www.wegivethanksinc.org.

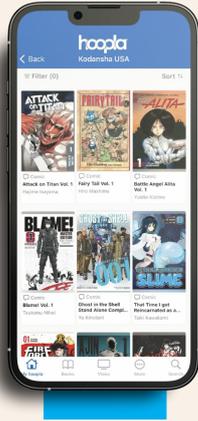
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Placentia Library District Weekly Summary



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NOVEMBER 17-23, 2023



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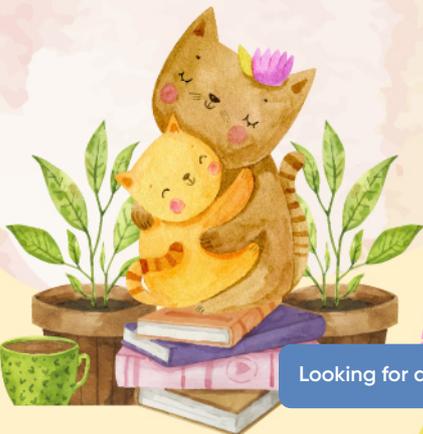
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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Baby Giggles and Wiggles Storytime

Friday, November 17: 10:00 a.m.
Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove.



Morning Meet Ups

Mondays, 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
This Week: November 20
Crossroads Corner

Family Storytime

Saturday, November 18: 10:00 a.m.
Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove.



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MAKERSPACE

Come check out this week's activities at our Hangar Makerspace! Adults can make their very own fall leaf book page garland, and kids are invited to make a contact paper fall leaf. The Hangar is open to all ages and includes activities for children, teens, and adults. Makerspace equipment is available by appointment only. Saturday, November 18: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Monday, November 20: 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 22: 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

UPCOMING CRAFT

Adults and children can wrap their holiday gifts with our wrapping station. The Hangar is open to all ages and includes activities for children, teens, and adults. Makerspace equipment is available by appointment only. Saturday, November 25: 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Monday, November 27: 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 29: 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Fall library newsletter and calendar: www.placentialibrary.org/newsletter